

## Tukwila Pond Park Master Plan





# Community Meeting #2 Alternative Design

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- Agenda:
- 6:30pm 8:30pm
- Goal envision the opportunities for Tukwila Pond
  - 1. Introduction
  - 2. Recap of previous meetings
  - 3. Review Alternative Design Options
  - 4. Placemaking/wayfinding ideas
  - 5. Discussion
  - 6. Next Steps Online Short Survey input to Alternatives



## Historic use





## Historic and current use











#### Context





## **Existing conditions**

25 Acres

Surrounded by Southcenter

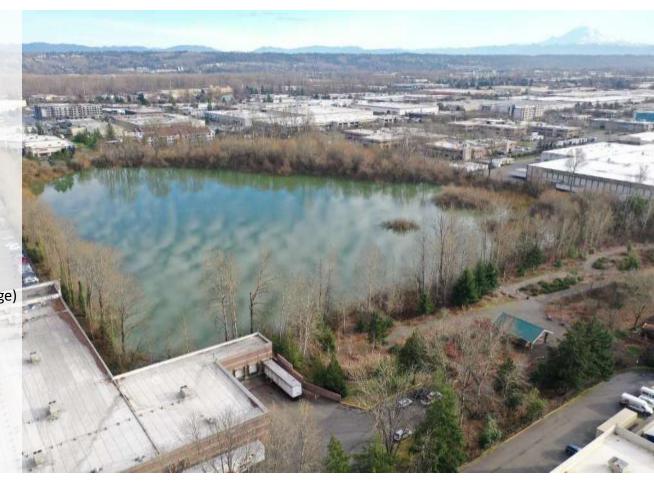
Basic park amenities

Natural habitat

Green space

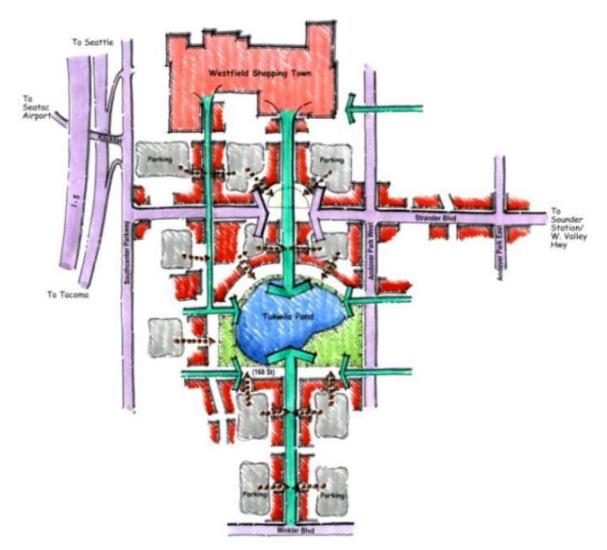
Tree canopy

Views to Mt Rainier (north edge)





## Adopted Southcenter Sub-Area Plan





### Wetland reconnaissance



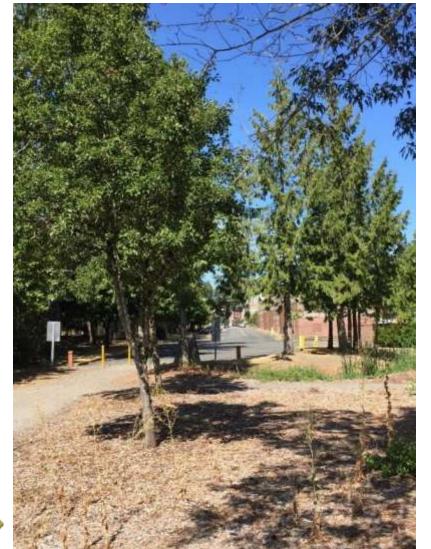


Figure 3. Tukwila Pond Park subject property with estimated wetland boundaries, pond edge and culvert locations. Locations are approximate.





## Disconnected















## Design Principles

- 1. Connect park to surrounding community. Explore opportunities for land acquisitions for easements to connect park.
- 2. Design for safety and crime prevention. Improve surveillance, create a staff presence, and activate the park with great activities.
- 3. Improve water quality and restore the Pond. Consider deepening the pond, alum treatment, improve circulation, and flushing with additional water
- 4. Ecological preservation and enhancement. Preserve the ecological value of the pond.
- 5. Emphasize its connection to the water through water activities, viewpoints and trail overlooks.
- 6. Activation with a rich array of recreational and community activities, appropriate to Tukwila's culture.



# Improve water quality – Connect downstream watercourse Introduce green stormwater infrastructure

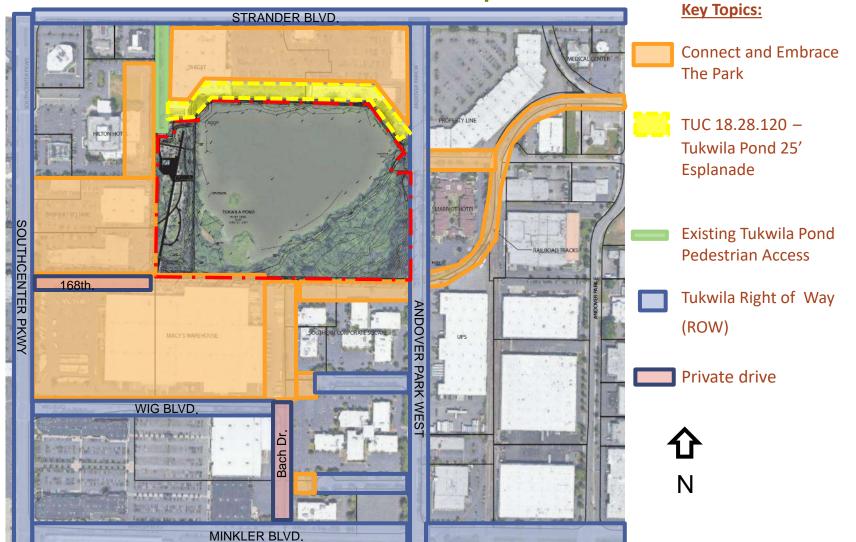








## Connect and embrace the park:





Stakeholder input



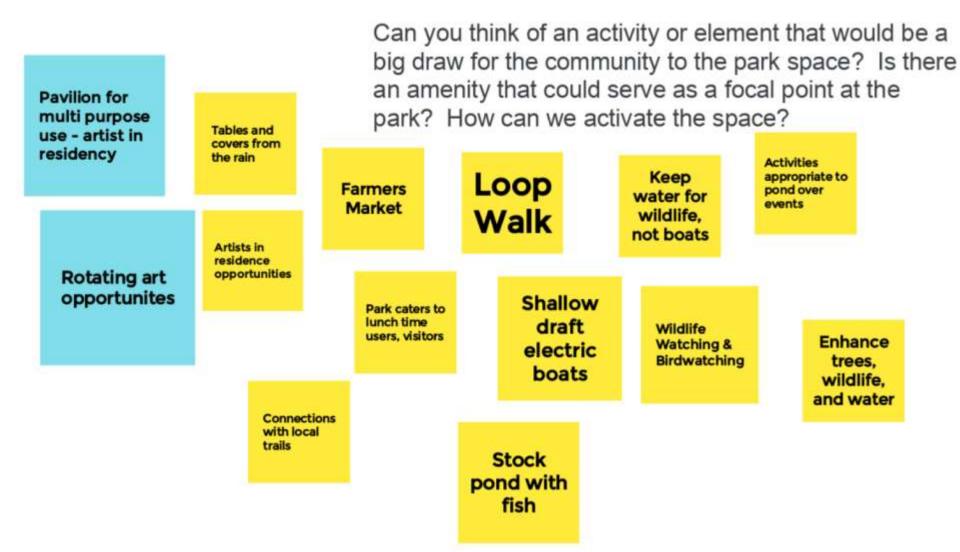


## Stakeholder input





## Public meeting #1 input



Does building

Floating lantern festival

If a pavilion what scale and how much maintenance would that require

Art work - fountain

If a pavilion what scale or size and how much maintenance Do you see an opportunity to express and celebrate the diverse culture of Tukwila in this park? What activities or amenities should be considered

Think about the immigrant community influence. Current and past. Find ways to celebrate them.

Keep surroundings as natural as possible Black River, environmental connection

Look at Grandmother's Hill as example Cultures around the world have ceremonies that involve water -Japanese floating boats?

Storyboards throughout the park.

More open space, less buildings Recognize and celebrate immigrant populations, current and past

Celebrate tribal traditions

Storyboards

birdlife etc.

walk to share

native history,



## Would you like to see an outdoor event space or environmental learning space or community hall as an amenity?

Maintain as much natural habitat as possible but enhance with educational signage. i.e. along a boardwalk. Oasis w/in a busy, urban setting so a spot for respite and being in Nature is important

Small learning space of the southcenter area, how its transformed over time would be interesting to include. Instead of a large event space, space be set aside in the pond where it is only for wildlife (no paths through it)

Outdoor education is being done in other parts of the city. Covered areas for picnicking, eating and highlighting access from multiple sides. Consider sustainable connections to the park and signs that are image-centric Tukwila Pond is a hidden gem and it should stay that way. Maintain it as a hidden gem without drawing too many people to it. Emphasize wildlife watching and nature.

I think that a sort of community garden would be an amazing idea, give a space for people to come together and embrace nature

having people garden together would be a good way to teach people to care for the environment Access from all 4 sides, property acquisition, more parking as a longer term goal



How are neighboring properties draining into pond

**Farmers** market in adjacent properties

> Food truck to draw people in

**Environmental** center could be a partnership opportunity with local science center or other nonprofit.

Fun lighting would help during dark days and improve perceived safety.

> Potential to become an asset for local businesses

Should create human activity opportunities for the space before a structure is built.

**During the week** 

will be utilized by

weekend access

lack of parking if

challenging due to

tried to create event

businesses.

would be

space.

Given the limited developable park land would you like to see an outdoor event space or environmental learning space or community hall as an amenity to activate the site?

Fountain to aerate water.

No need for event space, city already has other spaces

limit new structures. focus on habitat

Doesn't make sense to create another outdoor event space.

Lighting is key to keeping park safe

**PV Powered** fountain for water aeration.

**Opportunities** 

for PV panels

on roofs



## Alternatives activity list

## Recreation activities (PLAY)

Loop Trail

Overlooks Boardwalk

Fishing

Children's play features

Picnic tables

Non-motorized watercraft

Refreshment station/café

Space for food truck

Community gathering

Market space

Sculpture garden

Kiosk

#### Gathering nodes (MEET)

Small Amphitheatre Gathering plaza

Esplanade

Picnic shelter

#### **Education (LEARN)**

Water systems education Environmental education Native plant education Eco-Art

# Environmental restoration, preservation (PROTECT)

Habitat enhancement
Preservation
Water Quality Improvement
Bird viewing

#### Expand (Connections)

Parking
Wayfinding
Interpretive Signage
Safe walking
Access
Bike Connectivity
Railroad / Green river trail
Community relationships
Adjacent property



## Mix of activities to promote:

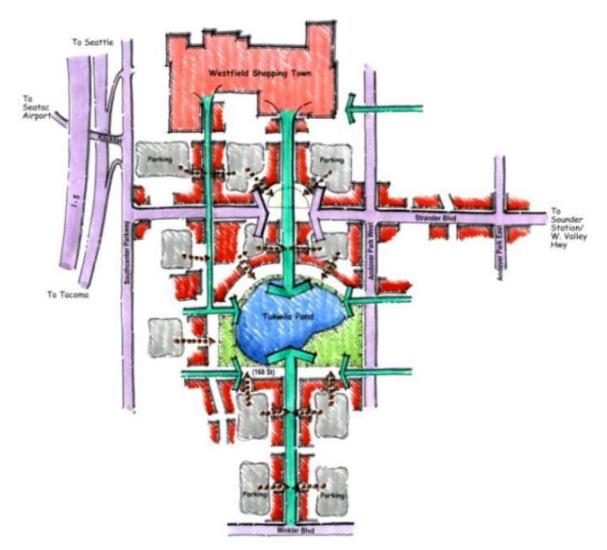
- Strong sense of place
- Populate the park
- Active year-round use
- Improved access
- Safety

## CPTED Principles to guide Design:

- Natural site lines
- Natural Access Control
- Staff or community presence on site
- Maintenance

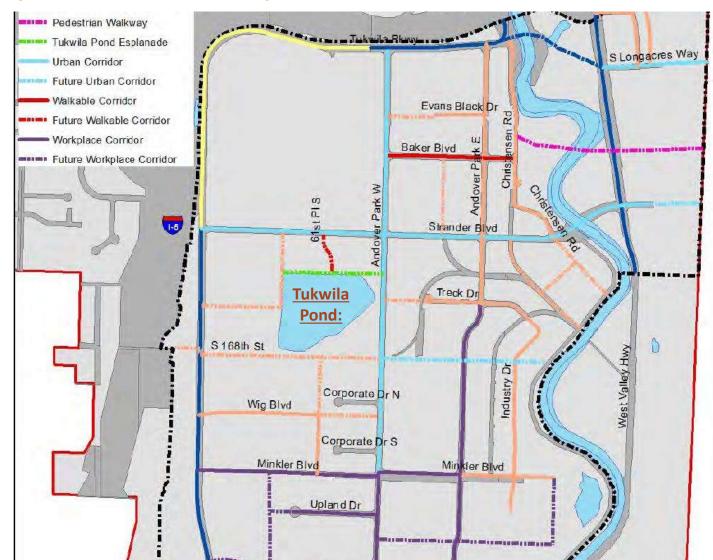


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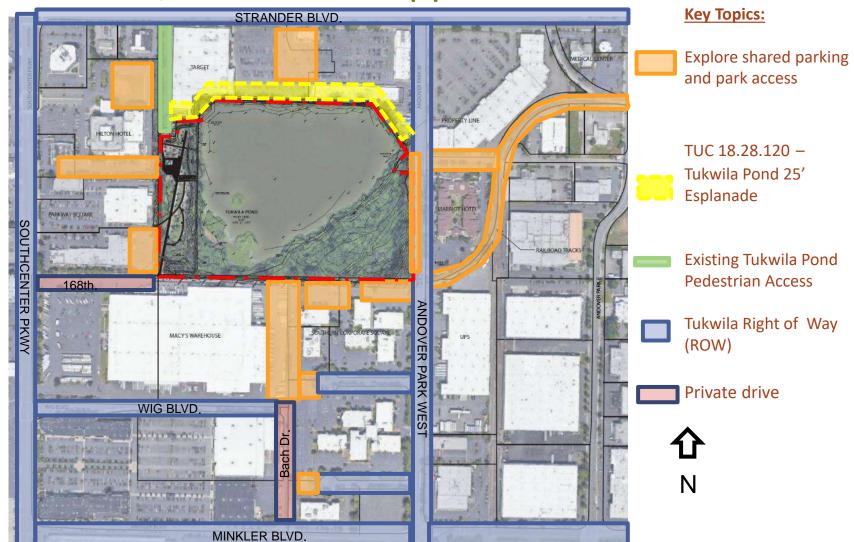


## City Future Transportation Plan





## Flexible/ Shared use opportunities:





### Alternative Diagrams

"The drawings presented in this presentation and in the draft master plan are for aspirational purposes only and intended to show concepts for discussion. It should be noted that the future construction of Tukwila Pond improvements will take between 20 and 30 years and currently there is no funding identified to complete improvements that extend past the current boundaries of Tukwila Pond."



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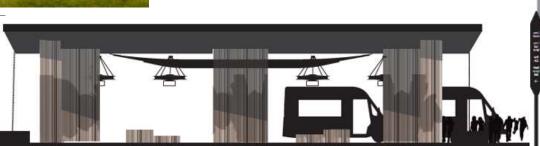










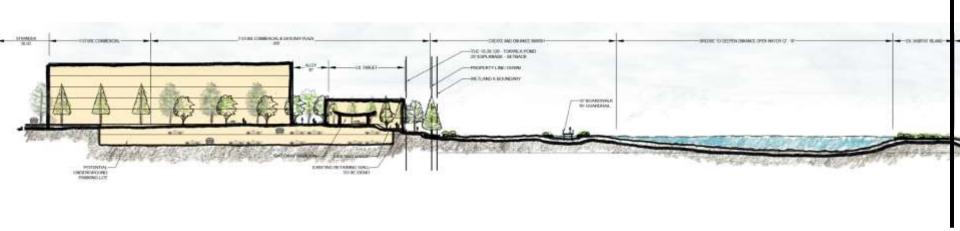


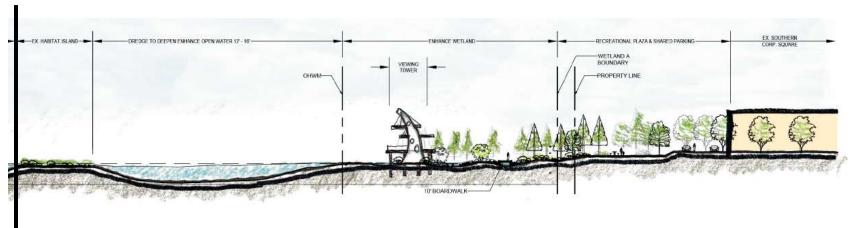






#### Site Section Alternative 1





















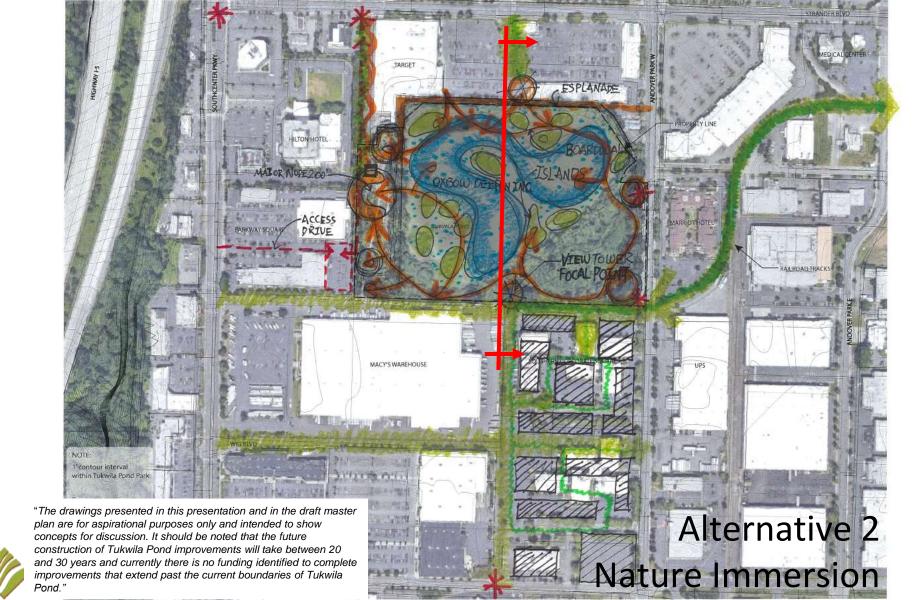




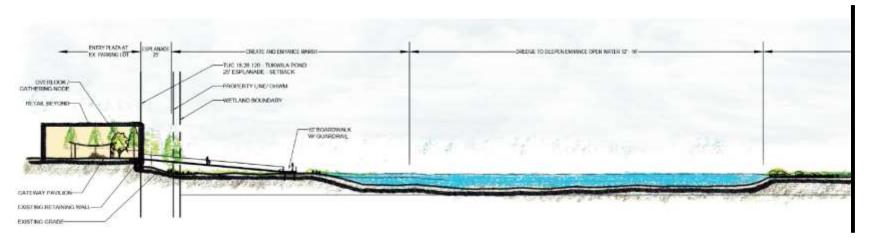


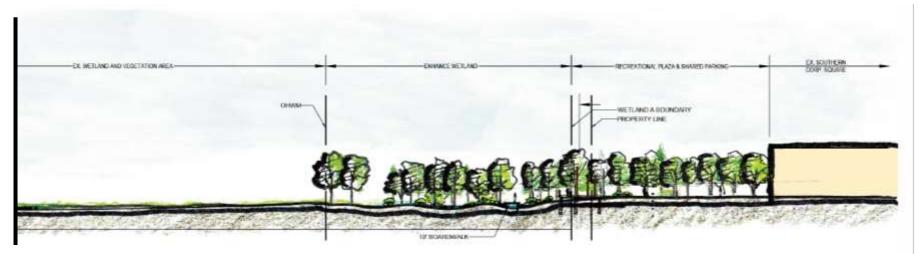






#### Site Section Alternative 2







Placemaking/ Wayfinding ideas



# **Tukwila Pond Placemaking- Let's create:**

- 1. The nexus of connected destinations in every direction
- 2. A culturally important gathering place that celebrates diverse Tukwila community
- 3. A catalyst for positive civic change to Tukwila/ Southcenter
- 4. A place for a new generation of stories
- 5. Green earth, fresh water, open skies, safe and fun
- 6. The embodiment of a new Tukwila Brand

To inspire our efforts, and align the many minds at work to make this happen, it is useful to identify some stories to tell.

These are simply narrative directions that illuminate possibilities. They do not limit our thinking to singular themes.

#### 1. "The Song of Tukwila Pond"

Inspired by Native Storytelling, co-authored by or written in a voice that recalls Tribal legends, the Song is a story of the people, animals and natural life of Tukwila Pond. The story reveals itself in a series of interpretive panels that follow the entire walking path of the park. Special needs visitors or people who wish to learn more may connect via Q-code link to a web story site curated by our Tribal partners.

#### 2. "We are Tukwila" (A Place of Many Peoples and Voices)

A contemporary, and colorful direction that creates a strong statement of civic pride in the diversity of the Tukwila population. We are represented by over eighty spoken languages, and countless cultures connected by where we reside. This is a defining and enriching story to bring to this place and the experience we create.

#### 3. "Connections, with Nature"

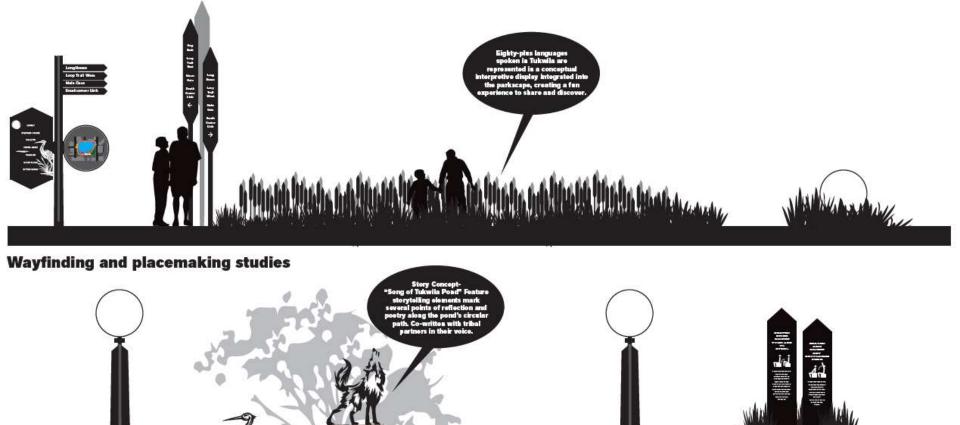
A celebration of the world we built, the connections we made through innovation and industrial mastery, and the organic natural world that inspires our artistic spirit. Natural forms interpreted in rail track, historical objects and concrete is our art, set in the natural setting of our parkscape creates an interesting place for exploration of both.

#### **Option 1: "Song of Tukwila Pond"**



Diagrammatic concepts - Not to scale





Seating and exercise along the path



Animal art in landscape





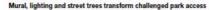
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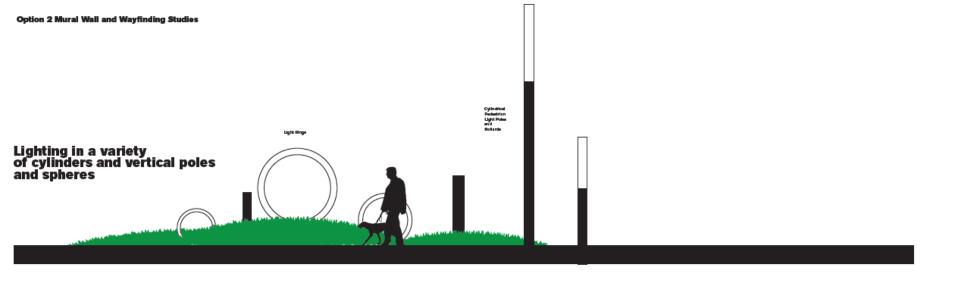
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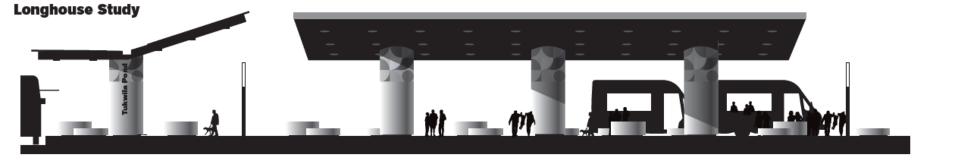








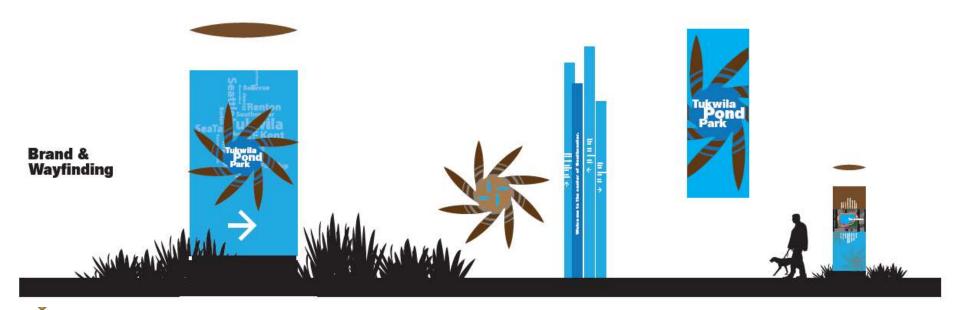




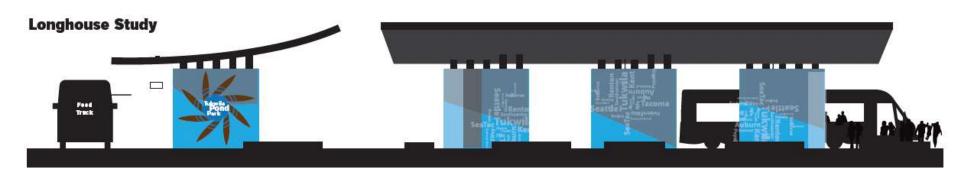
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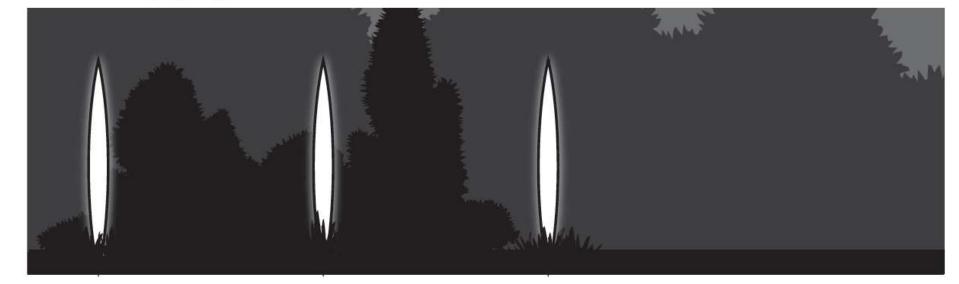
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Option 3 Longhouse Study with swooping roof form and similar open pavilion structure



#### **Branded Pathway Lighting**



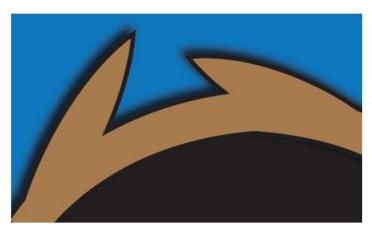
Floating moonlight on water spheres,
Dock railings with xylophone wood pickets,
Lots of possibilities to create experiences that create brand...

Reduction of the control of the control

### Ideas for fountains and elevated boardwalks



Water sculptures made of heavy industrial railroad rails that mimic grasses,



Shape elevated piers to mimic canoe brand identity and create projections/ lookouts.







Brand meaning and logo play







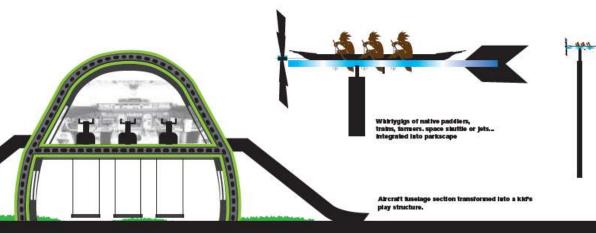
We could create coloring books and lessons for school kids who find these animal friends at Tukwila Pond Park



**Natural play structures** 



Simple musical instruments





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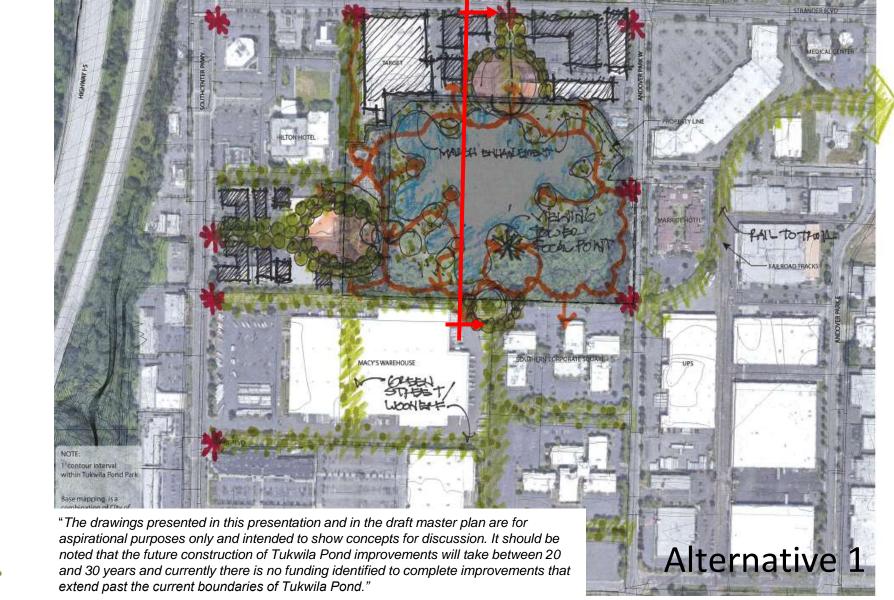
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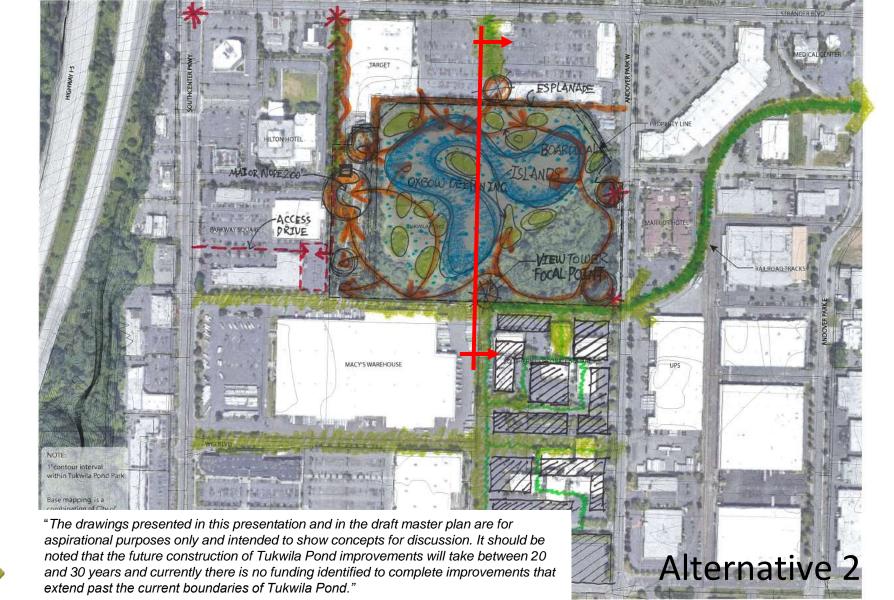
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#### Items for discussion from the Alternatives Presented:

- What pond management strategy do you prefer?
- What activation ideas do you feel are appropriate?
- What place making stories do you like?
- Which Alternative do you prefer?





## **NEXT STEPS**

- Stakeholder and Public Meetings:
  - Stakeholder

     Outreach and Interviews
  - Online survey of Alternative Design
  - Review Alternative input with Staff and Design team
  - Public Meeting Draft Master Plan Design–
    - July 2021



# If your group or organization would like a presentation or update, please contact:

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